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IAM Air Transport Territory Visits Lufthansa Technik Workers in Puerto Rico and Reaffirms Commitment as Contract Talks Resume

Dear Sisters and Brothers:



Leaders from the IAM Air Transport Territory recently visited Lufthansa Technik workers in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, to officially welcome the group to the IAM Air

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Transport Territory and to congratulate members for standing strong against a decertification effort and voting to remain in the IAM Union.

Read: [IAM Union Lufthansa Technik Workers in Puerto Rico Stay Strong and Reject Decertification Effort](#)

IAM Air Transport Territory General Vice President Richie Johnsen, Air Transport Territory Chief of Staff Edison Fraser, Special Assistants to the International President Tom Regan and Juan Negron, International Representative Jorge Bonilla and District 142 General Chair Todd Roan, along with Communications Representatives from the International and District 142, met directly with Lufthansa Technik Puerto Rico workers to discuss next steps as long-delayed contract negotiations are set to resume.

Watch: [IAM Air Transport Territory Visits and Welcomes Lufthansa Technik Workers](#)

The transition places the unit within the IAM Air Transport Territory, which represents aircraft maintenance professionals across major airlines, strengthening resources and support for members in Puerto Rico.
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“Welcoming these members into the IAM Air Transport Territory is about ensuring they have the strongest possible representation and the full backing of a territory that knows the airline industry inside and out,” said IAM Air Transport Territory General Vice President Richie Johnsen. “These workers stood together, defeated a decertification attempt, and made it clear they believe in the power of union solidarity.”

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“Our visit was about listening to members, answering questions, and making sure they know the Air Transport Territory is fully invested in their success,” said IAM Air Transport Territory Chief of Staff Edison Fraser. “These members deserve timely, fair negotiations and a contract that reflects the skilled work they perform every day.”

“Contract talks are resuming, and the framework is largely in place,” said IAM Special Assistant to the International President Tom Regan. “The remaining issue is economics. Management delays have gone on long enough, and these workers deserve to secure the wages and benefits they’ve earned.”

“We are proud to officially welcome Lufthansa Technik workers in Puerto Rico to IAM District 142,” said IAM District 142 President and Directing General Chair John Coveny. “Their unity and determination to remain IAM members speak volumes. District 142, alongside the Air Transport Territory, is fully committed to supporting these members and fighting for a strong contract that reflects their skill, dedication, and value to the industry.”

“We stayed IAM because we know a union contract is how we protect our jobs and our families,” said Lufthansa Technik Aircraft Mechanic Ilianalyn Delgado. “Having the IAM Air Transport Territory here in Puerto Rico, standing with us as negotiations restart, shows we’re not alone.”

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The IAM Air Transport Territory will continue working closely with Lufthansa Technik members in Aguadilla as negotiations resume, ensuring workers receive the fair contract they have long been owed.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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President/Directing General Chair

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